

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

M. Nakashima et al.

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Serial No.: Division of 09/129,950

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Filed: June 25, 2001

For: HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT SILICONE COMPOUNDS, RESIST
COMPOSITIONS, AND PATTERNING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

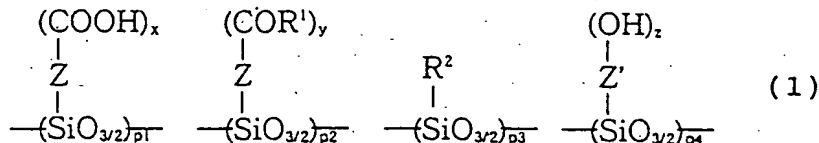
Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as indicated
below and consider the remarks which follow:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 6-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

2. (Amended) A high molecular weight silicone compound
comprising recurring units represented by formula (1), said silicone compound having a
weight average molecular weight of 1, 000 to 50,000,



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